

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A device for adjusting the angle of an armrest that is rotatable in a first direction and an opposite second direction, the device comprising:

a first locking toothing;

a rocking lever having a second locking toothing which interacts with the first locking toothing, the rocking lever being movable between a stable locking position and a stable release position; and

a spring interacting with the rocking lever and configured to set the rocking lever in both the stable locking position and the stable release position, the spring being configured to set the rocking lever in the stable locking position when the armrest is in a first angular position within a first angular region and to set the rocking lever in the stable release position when the armrest is in a second angular position within a second angular region,

wherein when the rocking lever is in the stable locking position, the armrest is configured to be rotatable in the first direction and to be locked with respect to movement in the second direction,

wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable locking position to its stable release position when the armrest is at an angular position that is between the first angular region and the second angular region.

22. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 21, wherein the rocking lever comprises a second locking toothing, ~~the second locking toothing being an external toothing which that~~ interacts with the first locking toothing, the first locking toothing comprising a peripheral internal toothing and the second locking toothing comprising an external toothing.

23. (New) The device of claim 22, further comprising a control device coupled to the first locking toothing in a rotationally fixed manner, the control device comprising a first control element that engages the rocking lever to allow the rocking lever to move from its stable locking position to its stable release position.

24. (New) The device of claim 23, wherein the first control element assists in moving the rocking lever from its stable locking position to its stable release position by preventing engagement of the first locking toothing and the second locking toothing.

25. (New) The device of claim 23, wherein the control device further comprises a second control element, the second control element engages the rocking lever and provides a stop that defines an extreme angular position, the extreme angular position being within the second angular region and opposite of the first angular region.

26. (New) The device of claim 21, further comprising a rotational component that is configured to be coupled to the armrest in a rotationally fixed manner, the rocking lever being rotatably mounted on the rotational component.

27. (New) The device of claim 21, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable release position to its stable locking position and from its stable locking position to its stable release position without actuating a button.

28. (New) The device of claim 21, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable release position to its stable locking position only at an extreme angular position, the extreme angular position being within the first angular region and opposite of the second angular region.

29. (New) The device of claim 21, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable locking position to its stable release position by moving the armrest from the first angular region directly towards the second angular region.

30. (New) A device for adjusting the angle of an armrest that is rotatable in a first direction and an opposite second direction, the device comprising:

a first locking toothing;

a rocking lever having a second locking toothing which interacts with the first locking toothing, the rocking lever being movable between a stable locking position and a stable release position; and

a spring interacting with the rocking lever and configured to set the rocking lever in both the stable locking position and the stable release position, the spring being configured to set the rocking lever in the stable locking position when the armrest is in a first angular position within a first angular region and to set the rocking lever in the stable release position when the armrest is in a second angular position within a second angular region,

wherein when the rocking lever is in the stable locking position, the armrest is configured to be rotatable in the first direction and to be locked with respect to movement in the second direction,

wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable locking position to its stable release position by moving the armrest from the first angular region directly towards the second angular region.

31. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein the rocking lever comprises a second locking toothing that interacts with the first locking toothing, the first locking toothing comprising a peripheral internal toothing and the second locking toothing comprising an external toothing.

32. (New) The device of claim 31, further comprising a control device coupled to the first locking toothing in a rotationally fixed manner, the control device comprising a first control element that engages the rocking lever to allow the rocking lever to move from its stable locking position to its stable release position.

33. (New) The device of claim 32, wherein the first control element assists in moving the rocking lever from its stable locking position to its stable release position by preventing engagement of the first locking tooth and the second locking tooth.

34. (New) The device of claim 32, wherein the control device further comprises a second control element, the second control element engages the rocking lever and provides a stop that defines an extreme angular position, the extreme angular position being within the second angular region and opposite of the first angular region.

35. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable release position to its stable locking position and from its stable locking position to its stable release position without actuating a button.

36. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable release position to its stable locking position only at an extreme angular position, the extreme angular position being within the first angular region and opposite of the second angular region.

37. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable locking position to its stable release position when the armrest is at an angular position that is between the first angular region and the second angular region.

38. (New) A device for adjusting the angle of an armrest that is rotatable in a first direction and an opposite second direction, the device comprising:

a first locking toothing;

a rocking lever having a second locking toothing which interacts with the first locking toothing, the rocking lever being movable between a stable locking position and a stable release position; and

a spring interacting with the rocking lever and configured to set the rocking lever in both the stable locking position and the stable release position, the spring being configured to set the rocking lever in the stable locking position when the armrest is in a first angular position within a first angular region and to set the rocking lever in the stable release position when the armrest is in a second angular position within a second angular region,

wherein when the rocking lever is in the stable locking position, the armrest is configured to be rotatable in the first direction and to be locked with respect to movement in the second direction,

wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable release position to its stable locking position only at an extreme angular position, the extreme angular position being within the first angular region and opposite the second angular region.

39. (New) The device of claim 38, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable release position to its stable locking position and from its stable locking position to its stable release position without actuating a button.

40. (New) The device of claim 38, wherein the rocking lever is moved from its stable locking position to its stable release position by moving the armrest from the first angular region directly towards the second angular region.